

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDED BURKE TOWN WIND LAW
February 25, 2019

The Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019, entitled "WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, AMENDED AND RESTATED," which provides for an increase in maximum wind tower height from 500 feet to 725 feet with proportionate increases in setbacks was called to order by Supervisor Bill Wood at 7:05 P.M. on February 25, 2019 at the Burke Town Courthouse.

Roll Call:

Councilman:	Arnold Lobdell, absent Jim Otis Tim Crippen Pat Downing
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Town Clerk:	Elizabeth Downing
Highway Superintendent:	Larry LaPlante
Code Officer:	Jim Dumont
Burke Attorney:	Brian Stewart

A motion to dispense with the previous minutes was made by Tim Crippen and seconded Jim Otis. Roll Call: Arnold absent, Tim aye, Jim aye, Pat aye and Bill aye.

Deputy Supervisor, Jim Otis, took control of the public hearing from Supervisor Bill Wood at 7:07 P.M. Supervisor Bill Wood recused himself from all wind law discussion due to a conflict of interest. Councilman Arnold Lobdell, who also has a conflict of interest, was absent from the hearing.

Attorney Brian Stewart, read a statement that contained the meeting agenda and rules. Included in the statement, were the following:

1. The proposed local law, if adopted, would increase the maximum height of wind towers from the current limit of 500 feet to 725 feet and it would increase setbacks proportionally.
2. It is not appropriate to argue or fight during this hearing.
3. The Board may ask you questions.
4. You may ask questions of the Board during your presentation, but the Board is not required to answer tonight.
5. Speakers may present written materials, if they wish, but these materials need to be described during your presentation to the Board. Materials provided to the Board will not be returned.
6. There is a sign-up sheet if you wish to speak to the Board during the public hearing. This is not an attendance sheet.
7. The Board will call on you in the order in which your name appears on the list.
8. Please note that only residents of the Town or owners of land in the Town are permitted to speak.
9. A notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Malone Telegram on February 14, 2019.

Public Comments:

1. Albert Johnson, representing Burke Friends Against Rural Mismanagement (FARM), addressed the Board and gave the Burke Town Clerk a petition signed by 75 Burke citizens who strongly oppose the proposed wind tower increase of height to 725 feet in the amended law. The petition will be entered into the minutes.
2. Ken Tacy and Janet Tacy who are both opposed to wind gave the Town Clerk paperwork from the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Report #108 "Guidebook for Energy Facilities Compatibility with Airports and Airspace" stating recommended sitting guidance for energy structures based on the typical height of these structures.
3. Citizens Jamie Toothill, Mary Moore, Gary Moore, Lynnette Briere, Kelly Gordon, June Parmeter, Bob Boyer and Greg Perrigo also noted their strong opposition to

the increase in wind tower height. Lights, sound, increased health issues and refusal to pay contractors were some of the issues noted.

4. Citizen Keith Trudeau noted that he is in favor of increasing the wind tower height.
5. Citizen Betsy Mitchell Oddy stated that she doesn't have enough information to be for or against wind. Some questions she raised include: who is the Power Company, rumors heard of gag orders put on neighbors getting compensation from the Wind Company in other towns and electromagnetic interference.

A break was taken by the Town Board at 7:58 P.M. due to heated discussions by the citizens present.

The Board said they would take the citizen's input into consideration when considering proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2019, entitled "WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, AMENDED AND RESTATED."

A motion to adjourn at 8:01 P.M. was made by Jim Otis and seconded by Pat Downing. Roll Call: Arnold absent, Tim aye, Jim aye Pat aye and Bill abstain.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Downing, Town Clerk

Recorded by, Elizabeth A. Downing